

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~seedling~~ pot for raising root crop seedlings, ~~the pot being a molded piece formed of~~ comprising a mixture of ~~an~~ unboiled bamboo fiber, ~~a~~ and boiled fiber from at least one of ~~a~~ Gramineae or Leguminosae plant such as Japanese bush clover, ~~and a carbonized plant material obtained by roasting~~ family, ~~the mixture further including charcoal from a nonwoody plant, the mixture containing~~ material and urea as an additive.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~seedling~~ molded pot for raising root crop seedlings, ~~the pot being a molded piece formed of~~ comprising a mixture of ~~an~~ unboiled bamboo fiber, ~~a~~ and boiled fiber from at least one of ~~a~~ Gramineae or Leguminosae plant such as Japanese bush clover, ~~and a carbonized plant material obtained by roasting~~ family, ~~the mixture further including charcoal from a nonwoody plant~~ material, ~~the mixture containing in addition to urea~~ and a powder whose main component is silicon dioxide.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~seedling~~ The molded pot as defined in claim 2 and having a bottom and a periphery, wherein at least one perforation is formed in either of or both the bottom and periphery.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~seedling~~ The molded pot as defined in claim 2, wherein ~~a~~ the nonwoody plant roasted to give the carbonized plant material is buckwheat or tea dregs.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A seedling~~ The molded pot as defined in claim 1 and having a bottom and a periphery, wherein at least one perforation is formed in either of or both the bottom and periphery.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A seedling~~ The molded pot as defined in claim 1, wherein ~~a~~the nonwoody plant roasted to give the carbonized plant material is buckwheat or tea dregs.

7. (New) The molded pot as defined in claim 1, wherein the boiled fiber comprises boiled fiber of Japanese bush clover.

8. (New) The molded pot as defined in claim 2, wherein the boiled fiber comprises boiled fiber of Japanese bush clover.